

FOREWORD

I am pleased to present the initial strategic plan of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Office of Inspector General (OIG). In preparing this plan, we considered, and incorporated as appropriate, comments and suggestions received from NARA staff and members of Congress on an earlier draft. The strategic goals and objectives detailed here reflect a fundamental change in the OIG's focus and direction which will enable us to maximize our positive impact while still ensuring the independence and objectivity of our work.

In a time of continually diminishing resources, there is a need to find ways to streamline programs and operations without sacrificing quality. In our planning process, we therefore gave substantial weight to adding value to agency programs and operations, while also protecting NARA against fraud, waste, and abuse. We believe the long term outcomes of our strategic planning efforts will help us optimize service to our customers, improve NARA programs and operations, and streamline our internal processes.

At the time this plan was drafted, NARA had not finalized its agency-wide strategic goals and objectives. Therefore, we were not yet able to concretely link the OIG's strategic goals with those of the agency. Future updates to our plan will reflect the necessary direct association between NARA's goals and objectives and those of the OIG.

I look forward to working with NARA leadership and staff in an enhanced partnership to support the concepts contained in the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993.

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